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SUBJ: TROPICAL PRODUCTS CONSULTATION-IVORY COAST

REF: STATE 276773

1. CONSULTATIONS HELD WITH IVORY COAST MTN DEL (AMANI BUILBERT) WED, DEC 17, ON THEIR TROPICAL PRODUCST (TP) REQUEST LIST. USDEL DETAILED THREE CATEGORIES OF US REACTION, COMMENTED ON INDIVIDUAL ITEMS DRAWING ON REFTELS, OUTLINED POSITION ON RECIPROCITY IN TP CONTEXT, AND INDICATED GSP ITEMS IN A SIMILAR MANNER TO PREVIOUS REPORTING CABLES ON OTHER TP CONSULTATIONS.

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2. IVORIAN DEL UNDERSTOOD US POSITION ON CONTRIBUTIONS TO

A TP PACKAGE BUT ASKED EXPLICITLY WHAT THE IVORY COAST MIGHT CONTRIBUTE. MTN DEL INDICATED THAT HE COULD NOT PROVIDE SPECIFIC REQUESTS FOR IVORIAN CONTRIBUTIONS AT THIS TIME AND THEN OUTLINED PRELIMINARY US THINKING THAT LDC CONTRIBUTIONS WOULD BE RELATED TO A TOTAL TP PACKAGE AND AN INDIVIDUAL COUNTRY'S DEVELOPMENT, TRADE, AND FINANCIAL NEEDS.

3. THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION DURING THE CONSULTATION ON THE VALUE OF MFN CONCESSIONS. THE IVORIAN DEL WISHED TO PURSUE GSP CONCESSIONS ILLUSTRATING THIS APPROACH WITH THE EXAMPLE OF PROCESSED COCOA PRODUCTS. HE ASKED RHETHORICALLY HOW A COUNTRY SUCH AS HIS WAS TO COMPETE WITH DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WHO HAD INVESTMENT AND TECHNOLOGY IN PLACE. MTN DEL RESPONDED THAT VIRTUALLY ALL COCOA PRODUCTS WERE ON GSP BUT THAT GSP WAS TRANSIENT IN NATURE. MTN DEL ADDED THAT AN MFN CONCESSION WAS A MORE LASTING CONCESSION AND THE SECURITY IT OFFERED MIGHT ATTRACT THE NECESSARY INVESTMENT IN HIS COUNTRY.

4. NOTING US VIEWS ON COCOA BUTTER, IVORIAN DEL EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT A NUMBER OF PRODUCTS ON ITS REQUEST LIST WERE NOT COVERED BY GSP AND ASKED WHETHER THE US WOULD CONSIDER MAKING GSP RESPONSES IN THE TP GROUP. MTN DEL REPLIED THAT IT WAS THE US POSITION IN THE TP NEGOTIATIONS AND IN FACT IN THE MTN THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS WERE TO BE CONDUCTED ON AN MFN BASIS, THIS A REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL PRODUCT COVERAGE ON US GSP SHOULD BE PURSUED PRIMARILY THROUGH NORMAL BILATERAL DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS. MTN DEL REPEATED STATEMENTS MADE PREVIOUSLY THAT THE US WAS JUST AT THE IMPLEMENTATION STAGE FOR ITS GSP AND DISCUSSIONS OF ITS IMPROVEMENT WERE PREMATURE, ALTHOUGH NOT EXCLUDED.

5. IVORIAN DEL NOTED THE INTENTION OF HIS GOVERNMENT TO PURSUE BINING OF TSUS 110.10 AND 114.45 ON PRODUCTS OF EXPORT INTEREST TO THE IVORY COAST. WALKER

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